



Parish of Greenstead with St. Anne
(Registered Charity Number: 1206571)

*“Christ, Community, Church: serving our communities
and bringing people closer to God.”*

3rd Sunday Before Lent
16th February 2025

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www.andyanneandmatt.org.uk

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Our Services and Readings:

Date	St. Anne's Church	St Andrew's Church	Readings
16 th February (3 rd Sunday Before Lent)	10:00am Church@10	11:00am Weekly Sunday Holy Communion	Jeremiah 17:5-10 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26
23 rd February (2 nd Sunday Before Lent)	10:00am Church@10	11:00am Weekly Sunday Holy Communion	Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-end Revelation 4: Luke 8:22-25
2 nd March (Sunday Next Before Lent)	10:00am Church@10 with Holy Communion	11:00am Praise Today with Holy Communion	Exodus 34:29-end 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

You can also join us for:

Morning Prayer (Thursday 9:00am on FaceBook) & **Early Night Prayer** (Friday 6:00pm on FaceBook)

The Prayer (Collect) for this week:

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give Your people grace so to love what You command
and to desire what You promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with You,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever
Amen.

Monthly Prayer Group:

Our monthly prayer group meets on the **first Friday of every month, 10:00 – 11:00am at St. Andrew's Church**, where we pray intentionally for growth and the community around us. This is **open to anyone who would like to join us**. If anybody has any particular prayer requests that you would like the group to offer up to God then please let Carolyn Ball, Sue Boughtwood, or Martin Roscoe know.

Our next prayer meeting will be on **Friday 7th March, 10:00am at St. Andrew's Church**.

What's on...

Stay & Play:

Please note that Stay & Play will not take place during the school half-term on Wednesday 19th February.

Community Café:

The Community Café will be open for refreshments and company at St. Anne's Church on Saturday 22nd February and Saturday 8th March between 10:00am – 12:00 midday.

Eco Church:

This week we have a fun family activity to make a bird feeder out of a pine cone. You will need a medium to large pine cone so that birds have room to perch, some lard (or vegetarian alternative), bird seed, and a piece of string, wool, or garden twine.

1. Cover the pine cone in lard (It might be easier to cut it into small chunks).
2. Roll the lard covered pine cone in the bird seeds, making sure to press the seed into the lard.
3. Tie the string, wool or garden twine to the top of your pine cone. Then find a good place in the garden to hang it, like a tree, a large shrub, or a bird table.

For full instructions (with pictures) please visit:

<https://www.bbowt.org.uk/blog/kate-sheard/family-activity-how-make-pine-cone-bird-feeder>

Foodbank:

We continue to have a box for donations to the **Foodbank** in our churches. We know that times are difficult, but perhaps you could buy an item (or more) and leave it in the boxes when you attend church? On the **Colchester Foodbank Facebook** page, there is usually a long list of items that they are desperately short of (see opposite). Any donations of these items would be particularly welcome. As always, if you need help from the Foodbank, Revd. Sue is happy to give you a voucher. The **Greenstead Foodbank** is open on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 10.00am until 12.00.**

Open Church:

Please note that Open church will not take place during the school half-term on Wednesday 19th February.

Mega Kids:

The next **Mega Kids** will take place at St. Anne's Church on Sunday 23rd February, from 11:30am-12:30pm.

Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal 2025:

We will once again be supporting the Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal this year which will be raising funds to support the work of 'Housing Justice' - a Christian charity working across England and Wales to alleviate homelessness in all its forms. Donations will be open until 1st July. You can find more information regarding this appeal on the Diocese website here:

<https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about-us/our-faith-in-action/bishop-of-chelmsfords-lent-appeal-2025>

- Small bags of rice.
- Longlife milk.
- Longlife juice.
- Shampoo/ Deodorants/Shower gel.
- Carrier Bags/Reusable Bags
- Squash.
- Tinned potatoes/ Tinned tomatoes.
- Tinned puddings/Tinned fruit.
- Tins or packets of custard.
- Jam/Peanut butter.
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste.
- Razors.
- Small jars of coffee.
- Small washing powder/Liquid.
- Small multipack snacks (Penguin/Club/Twix).